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TASK FORCE ON FLOOD MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had constituted a Task Force for flood management/ erosion control to look into the recurrent floods in Assam and some other neighbouring States;

(b) if so, whether it has submitted its report to the Government;

(c) if so, the salient features of the report;

(d) whether the Government has circulated the recommendations of the Task Force to various Ministries/Planning Commission and the State Governments for their comments;

(e) if so, the details of reactions received from various States, Ministries and Planning Commission in this regard;

(f) the follow-up action taken thereon; and

(g) if not, the time by which the Government proposes to take decision on the recommendations of the said Task Force?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (g) Yes Sir. The Government of India had constituted a Task Force for flood management/erosion control in August, 2004 to look into the recurrent floods in Assam and some other neighbouring States, under the chairmanship of Chairman, Central Water Commission. The Task Force submitted its report on 31.12.2004.

The Task Force recommended a number of Flood Management schemes/works amounting to a total of Rs 4982.10 crore. It included works of Rs. 316.14 crore under immediate, works of Rs. 2030.15 crore under Short Term-I and works of Rs, 2635.81 crore as Short Term-II category, to be implemented during next six months, 2 years and 7 years respectively. The state governments were, however, required to prepare detailed project reports of the schemes and process them for approval as per the guidelines of the Planning Commission and get them techno-economically cleared by appraising agencies for taking them up for implementation.

The report of Task Force was circulated to various Ministries/Planning Commission and the State Governments.

Based upon the recommendations of the Task Force, two on-going schemes during X plan under central plan, namely, "Critical Anti Erosion Works in Ganga Basin States" and "Critical Flood Control and Anti Erosion Schemes in Brahmaputra and Barak Valley" were upwardly revised to Rs 1150.68 crore and Rs 830.14 respectively. However, considering very little time left in the X plan period, these schemes were sanctioned for Rs. 305.03 crore and Rs. 225 crore respectively with a suggestion that the scheme for balance works may be proposed during XI plan period. Accordingly, remaining works recommended by the Task Force have been included in the proposals of XI Plan.